

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 477 without my signature.

This measure, while worthy, may negatively impact the ability of persons with disabilities enrolled in the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program to secure the services they require. Current IHSS consumers often report difficulty in locating, hiring, and retaining quality service providers. Increasing the number of consumers seeking services from IHSS providers may exacerbate these challenges.

In addition this measure would create millions of dollars in fiscal pressure on the State during ongoing structural budget deficits.

For these reasons, I am returning AB 477 without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger